

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended): A pointing device comprising:
a housing;
5 a button installed on the housing for generating button signals;
a displacement signal generator installed in the housing for generating
displacement signals; and
an input panel substantially horizontally installed on a top side of the housing for
inputting handwriting input, the input panel being positioned on the
10 housing other than the position of the button;
wherein the handwriting input inputted to the input panel will be transmitted to a
computer to perform an identification process.
2. (Original): The pointing device of claim 1 being a mouse.
- 15 3. (Original): The pointing device of claim 2 wherein the displacement signal
generator comprises a roller installed at bottom of the housing for generating
displacement signals.
- 20 4. (Currently Amended): The pointing device of claim 1 wherein the displacement
signal generator comprises a track ball installed at a top end of the housing for
generating displacement signals, and wherein the track ball is positioned
between the input panel and the button in the horizontal plane, such that the
input panel is positioned on the near side of the pointing device with respect to a
25 user when the pointing device is normally orientated.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended): A pointing device comprising:
30 a housing;
a displacement signal generator installed in the housing for generating
displacement signals; and

an input panel substantially horizontally installed on the housing for inputting text data by working with word-processing software; wherein the text data inputted to the input panel will be transmitted to a computer.

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7. (New): The pointing device of claim 2 wherein the button is located between the input panel and the main body of the housing in the horizontal plane, such that the input panel is positioned beyond the button with respect to a user when the pointing device is normally orientated.

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